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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING US/CANADIAN FISHERIES DISCUSSIONS,
WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 21-23

1. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO TRANSMIT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
FOLLOWING LETTER FROM AMB. RIDGWAY TO LEN LEGAULT, DIRECTOR
GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORATE, FISHERIES AND MARINE
SERVICE, ENVIRONMENT CANADA.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR LEN: I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF
JUNE 30, 1976 SUMMARIZING YOUR DOUBTS ABOUT THE VALUE OF
CONTINUING OUR FISHERIES TALKS.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN ANY QUESTION THAT THE U.S. IS
PREPARED TO MAKE PROGRESS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE ON
SUBSTANTIVE FISHERIES ISSUES. WE HAD HOPED THAT THE
TECHNICAL WORK AGREED UPON AT VANCOUVER WOULD ADVANCE
THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND REGRET THAT THE CANADIAN SIDE HAS

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NOT BEEN ABLE TO PROCEED WITH THESE ARRANGEMENTS. WE
STILL EXPECT TO MAKE IMPORTANT PROGRESS ON FISHERIES AT

THE JULY 21-23 MEETING, SPECIFICALLY TO COMPLETE THE CONSULTATIVE PHASE AND MOVE TOWARD THE OPENING OF FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN EARLY AUGUST, AND SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE CANADIAN TEAM WILL PARTICIPATE AS PLANNED. AS TO THE BOUNDARY QUESTION, I CANNOT HELP BUT FEEL THAT YOUR REACTION IS SOMEWHAT OVERDRAWN. THE U.S.

EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF NEGOTIATING BOTH A FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND A BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WITH THE THOUGHT THAT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT OF THESE ISSUES IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND THAT A BOUNDARY SETTLEMENT WILL BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO ACHIEVE WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME.

I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE U.S. IS PREPARED TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATIONS, LOOKING TOWARD A COMPREHENSIVE FISHERIES AGREEMENT TO BE IN PLACE BY JANUARY 1, 1977. THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL PARALLEL THE BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT EACH WILL PROCEED AT ITS OWN PACE. THE FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS, FOR THE U.S., WOULD NOT OPERATE UNDER THE STRICTURE" YOU DESCRIBED. HOWEVER, THERE IS AN OBVIOUS SUBSTANTIVE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE FISHERIES AND BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BEFORE A FINAL DECISION IS TAKEN TO CONCLUDE ANY AGREEMENT. THEREFORE, IT IS THE U.S. VIEW THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE TO RESOLVE EACH. I AM ENCLOSING A PROPOSED AGENDA AND TENTATIVE LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION FOR THE JULY 21-23 MEETING. WE HAVE RESERVED ROOM 1408 IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE MEETINGS, WHICH ARE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 2:30 P.M. ON JULY 21. ROOM 1410 WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE USE OF THE CANADIAN DELEGATION DURING THE THREE DAYS.

I AM SORRY MY SCHEDULE IS SUCH THAT I WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETINGS. TOM CLINGAN, AS YOU KNOW, HAS PARTICIPATED IN MANY US/CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS IN THE PAST AND IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE ISSUES INVOLVED. YOU BOTH HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR MEANINGFUL AND FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS. SIGNED, ROZANNE L. RIDGWAY, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR OCEANS AND FISHERIES AFFAIRS.

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3. BEGIN TEXT OF ENCLOSURE 1. AGENDA, US/CANADA FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS, WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 21-23, 1976. (1) US/ CANADIAN BILATERAL FISHING ARRANGEMENTS (2) US/CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL ARRANGEMENTS (A) REVIEW OF RECENT ICNAF MEETING (B) PREPARATIONS FOR NOVEMBER INPFC MEETING (3) SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (4) OTHERS. END TEXT.

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